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Red Aviators Win After Unexpected Extra Day of Color War

Ample spirit filled the pleasant August air at the pool on Friday afternoon for the annual climax of the camp season, Color War Sing. Before a panel of five judges and an audience of parents and friends, the Red Aviators and Nautical White presented their entrances, marches, banners, and alma maters. The comedy, which pokes gentle fun at counselors, was presented at our weekly staff meeting last Wednesday.

This year's presentations bedazzled the audience. Both teams chose nostalgic songs that were adapted to this year's air and sea theme, and the kids sang their hearts out. The banners, which were painted on large plaques, featured some of the most impressive artwork I have ever seen during camp color wars. Everything seen and heard at Sing was prepared in less than a week.

In the end, the Red Aviators flew to victory after gaining more points on Friday afternoon. As it so often does, success at Sing translated to an overall win. Congratulations to both teams and their leaders. It is no small feat to be the general, lieutenant, or captain of a color war team.

Now that we come together as one camp, we will put aside the fiercely competitive force and remember the words of this year's alma maters, reminding the campers of how much we love Lansman's and our fellow campers!

This week should be a bit calmer, though it is still action-packed with Tie-Dye Day on Monday, a Hawaiian Luau on Tuesday, an archery tournament on Wednesday, and the camp musical on Friday. See you there!



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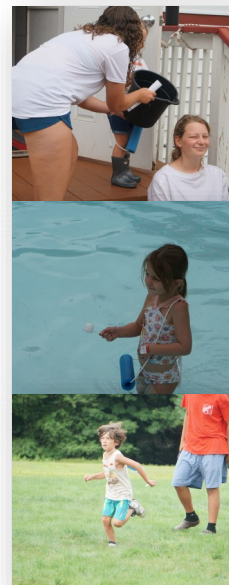
A Rainy Thursday Creates Wet Conditions for Rope Burn

Sing was supposed to be on Thursday afternoon, but total washout conditions on that day delayed the traditional Color War highlights, which include the Apache Relay and associated Rope Burn, to Friday.

The Apache Relay is a race that includes almost fifty elements—some athletic, some silly—intended to bring each team together and include every camper to reach the ultimate goal: completing every element correctly faster

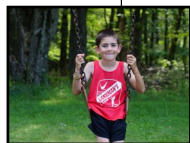
than the other team, and then starting a campfire to burn a rope placed above it. This year's relay had campers running back and forth to almost every corner of the campgrounds, kicking goals, running bases, climbing a rock wall, blowing up a balloon, saying the alphabet backwards on the P.A. system, getting a bucket of water dumped on you, eating pretzels, shooting a bullseye, and so many other fun activities. At each location, campers had to run and pass the baton to the next participant.

Any dropped baton would result in a time delay, affording the opposing team precious time to complete tasks faster. The first team to arrive at the fire pits would be handsomely rewarded with 100 points per minute, but the team that burns the rope first is the ultimate winner. This year, Red Aviators was significantly ahead—seven minutes—at the end of the race, but Nautical White ultimately got a larger fire going and sailed to victory in the frenetic final minutes of the Apache Relay... despite the waterlogged wood.



Color War Dominates the Week

Aside from the aforementioned Apache Relay and Sing, the week was abuzz with movement. Monday's special Color War event was the **Bucket Relay**, in which both teams create bucket brigades from the pool to fill up the large garbage cans at the other end of the lawn. This was perfect after our fire truck visit! Tuesday morning was **Square Dancing** for fun and competition. Suzi Tipa, a professional caller, provided quick lessons and hours of entertainment. The kids especially loved dancing to "Cotton-Eyed Joe" and calling out "PROMENADE!" That afternoon was a very exciting **Swim Meet**, during which campers competed in swim and noodle races, penny pitches, and relays. Tuesday and Wednesday also featured all sorts of traditional sports for points. Wednesday morning was an active **Track Meet** on our main field. All kids competed in running, kicking, and throwing events before the big tug-of-war finales. (The Nursery's turn is probably my favorite moment of the week.) Thursday's rain didn't stop the competition, with **Wacky Relays** in the Pole House. Campers showed their scooter skills along with hula hoops, jump ropes, silly hats, and umbrellas. In the afternoon, Lansman's own dad-slash-entertainer Anthony Schiano kept us on our feet with **Trivia** and **Simon Sez**.



Thank You, Lisa!

For the last five weeks, you've seen her around the office, spoken to her on the phone, and even depended on her to fix your lunch orders. Lisa Loewinger is still working behind the scenes but she is seeing her youngest child off to high school in Florida! Don't fret... she's still very much available by phone and email. We are already looking forward to her return to Lansman's! (And why do they start school in the middle of the summer down there?)

Quick Reminders

If you are **buying lunch** from the concession this week, please make sure to put your lunch orders in via ldclunch.h1.hotlunchonline.net by 8:30 A.M.

Have you joined our **Remind** @Lansmans25 yet?

The **camp phone number** is (845) 434-8480.

Woodridge Department Demonstrates Fire Safety

Once again, our friends from the Woodridge Fire Department, of which Tyler is an active member, showed up with sirens blaring to teach our campers about what to do in case of a fire. After an interesting demonstration with time for questions and answers, the firefighters opened up their tanker's "deluge" master stream to create rain on the ballfield, cooling everybody down. The timing was perfect, as this July was one of the hottest in recent history! Thank you to all the first responders! We wish you a very safe summer.



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